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**From: Rozell Williams, Jr.** : **Atty. Dkt. No.: 9D-HL-25129**

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**Title: APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR CONTROLLING OPERATION OF WASHING MACHINES**

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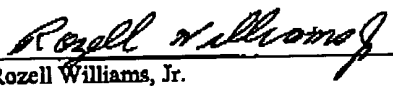
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(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- (a) \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136  
(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

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OR

- (b) ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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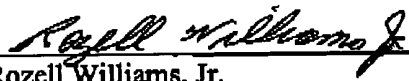
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Machines	:	

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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In response to the Final Office Action dated December 28, 2004, and made final,  
Applicants hereby submit the following remarks and request reconsideration of the present claim  
rejections.